

21 September 1984

The Honorable Marshall Green



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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

May we express our gratitude for your letter to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in support of HR 5805, which would provide survivor and retirement benefits to former spouses of CIA officers excluded from such benefits under the 1982 legislation, PL 96-269.

We believe your support was essential in establishing the contributions made by CIA spouses to the US overseas mission in their cover roles as wives of diplomats. A valuable point in our thesis that dependent spouses of overseas officers earn their retirement benefits.

We know that we speak not only for the women to be helped by HR 5805 but for all CIA spouses when we express our gratitude that your letter spoke for us at this hearing which can make a major difference in the lifestyles of this small group of American women.

We are encouraged that our legislation will be passed into law in the 1985 Congressional session, at least--- hopefully at the same time that similar legislation goes forward for the former wives of Foreign Service officers. For your help in bringing these changes about, we thank you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Colby

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